

2009 Breeding Season Field Notes

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK

NBSO:Emiquon (ThompsonL)(4 & 2), 28 Jun & 2 Jul resp (KBR); HL, 31 May - 15 Jun (FRH ph, DMK ph, GN ph m.ob.); Grand Tower (Jackson Co) (2), 24 Jun (JWW, MPW).

Snow Goose

NBSO: HL (ad white morph & imm blue morph), 12 Jul thru period (FRH); CarlL-C (5, injured, w/2 thru 12 Jul & one 30 Jul), 21 Jun (DMK); Keyesport (Clinton Co) (3, injured), 28 Jun (DMK, MSS); Greenville (Bond Co) (5, injured), 27 Jul (DMK); Levee Rd (Monroe Co) (2, injured) (DMK, MSS).

Canada Goose

Breeding: SpgBlf (ad on nest), 5 Apr (EWW); Winthrop (pr w/9 goslings), 26 Apr (EWW); RollinsSav (ad on nest), 9 Apr (EWW); SpringCrk (ad on nest), 14 Mar (JV, JP); PaulDouglas (ads on 2 nests), 4 Apr (ABA); BeckL FP (Cook Co) (2 "new" families w/4 & 6 yg & 3rd ad on nest), 23 Apr (ABA); Air Station Pra (Cook Co) (ad on nest w/8+ eggs), 25 Apr (ABA); WampumL FP (Cook Co) (pr w/6 yg) (ABA); Rosemont (Cook Co) (prs w/3,4, & 6 yg), 8 Jun (ABA); Butterfield Crk Wetland (Cook Co) (4 families w/2,2,2, & 6 yg), 9 Jun (ABA); Des Plaines Riverwalk (Cook Co) (families w/2,4 & 5 yg), 23 Jul (ABA); NoP (one brood of yg), 6 May, 2+ broods of 6 & 7 yg, 20 May & groups of 10 & 13 yg, 10 Jun (GAW); JP (1st brood of 3 on 1 May) (KMC), w/-30 yg noted overall (PRC); SCH (ad on nest), 14 Mar (JV, JP); Buttonbush Sl (Cook Co) (F's incubating atop 2 nests on muskrat lodges), 21 Apr (SDB); Dewey Helmick NP (Cook Co) (ad incubating on nest), 4 May (SDB); Monee (Will Co) (pr w/4 goslings & female @ nest incubating 7 eggs atop muskrat lodge), 22 Apr (SDB); BraidwoodL (ad w/yg), 28 Apr (JHH); Guzy Pra (3 yg), 21 Jun (TAM); Champaign (ad incubating on nest in parking lot), 9 Apr (SDB); KLMSNA (pr w/11 goslings & ConnerL (pr w/9 goslings), 11 & 15 Jun resp (C&PD); HL (15 yg), 6 Jun (KAM). **MC:** 155,



Black-bellied Whistling-Duck.
Bischoff Road, Madison County.
2 June 2009.

Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

NoP, 18 Jun (GAW); 150, TwoRivers, 25 Jul (DMK, MSS); 148, Monroe, 11 Jul (DMK, MSS); 106, LCal (WolfLk) (ad & yg), 12 Jun (WJM); 72, Dewey Helmick NP (Cook Co), 30 May (SDB). **Note:** An egg-oiling project in JP was less successful than in previous years (PRC).

Mute Swan

Breeding: RedwingSl (4 pr, 3 w/1, 2 & 3 cygnets), 11 Jun - 7 Jul (SDB); RollinsSav (nest), 9 Apr & pr w/4 yg 25 May (EWW); L Marie (Lake Co) (nest), 15 May (EWW); Lakewd (pr w/2-3 cygnets), 10 Jun (SDB); Cuba M FP (Lake Co) (pr w/3 cygnets), 7 Aug (B&BI); LCal (incl Wm Powers F&WA, Eggers Grove FP, Powderhorn L FP, Deadstick Pond, HGC & HegewischM) (7 nests & 7 broods of 21 yg & ad on nest), 2 Apr - 6 Aug (WJM); LRen (ad on nest), 24 Apr (KK); Spfld (6 yg), 9 May - 31 Jul (VMK). **MC:** 30, SpringL SF&WA (Tazewell Co) (REF, KDE, UWG); 25 (ad), LCal (WolfL), 12 Jun (WJM); 14, RedwingSl, see above; 9, RollinsSav, 6 Jun (DRD et al.). **Others:** Lakemoor (McHenry Co) (3 ad), 11 Jun (SDB); COLSP (pr), 4 Jun (EWW); Channahon (Will Co) (pr on territory), 21 Mar (EWW); HL, 21 Jun (FRH).

Trumpeter Swan

Breeding: Two nests fledged 5 & 2 yg, south & north (resp) of Savanna (Carroll Co) 15 Jul (Russell Engelke, VMK). Pr w/females on nests @ original nesting locale on south edge of Savanna & "new" 2nd pr at Upper SpringL, 16 May (EWW); McGinnisSl (2 ad w/2 cygnets), 19 Jul (WSS). Only the 2nd area in state with confirmation of this breeding species.

Wood Duck

Breeding: Nygren Wetland Pr (Winnebago Co) (F w/4 very young chicks),

Abbreviations, continued:

Montrose = Montrose Harbor, Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
MRB = Mississippi River Blufflands (Monroe Co)
MSF&WA = Middle Fork State Fish & Wildlife Area (Vermilion Co)
Nachusa = Nachusa Grasslands (Lee Co)
NoP = North Pond, Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
NPM = North Point Marina, Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co)
Palos = Palos area (s.w. Cook Co)
PaulDouglas = Paul Douglas Forest Preserve (Cook Co)
Pembroke Twp = Pembroke Township (Kankakee Co)
PlumCrk = Plum Creek Forest Preserve (Cook Co)
Pomona = Pomona (Jackson Co)
Pontiac = Pontiac BBS (Livingston Co)
Pratt'sWW = Pratt's Wayne Woods Forest Preserve (DuPage Co)
PrRdg-J = Prairie Ridge State Natural Area (Jasper Co)
PrRdg-M = Prairie Ridge State Natural Area (Marion Co)
Pulaski = Pulaski BBS (Pulaski/Alexander Cos)
RedwingSl = Redwing Slough State Natural Area (Lake Co)
RendL = Rend Lake (Jefferson Co)
RiverBend = River Bend Forest Preserve (Champaign Co)
RockCut = Rock Cut State Park (Winnebago Co)
Rckfd = Rockford (Winnebago Co)
RollinsSav = Rollins Savannah Forest Preserve (Lake Co)
St. Morgan = St. Morgan BBS (Madison Co)
Sang = Sangamon Co

SantaFe = Santa Fe Bottoms (Clinton Co)
SCH = Spring Creek Headwaters Forest Preserve (Cook Co)
SFPK = Sauer Family Prairie Kame Forest Preserve (Kane County)
SiloamSpr = Siloam Springs State Park (Adams Co)
SNF = Shawnee National Forest (various counties)
SongbirdSl = Songbird Slough Forest Preserve (DuPage Co)
Spfld = Springfield (Sangamon Co)
SpgBlf = Spring Bluff Forest Preserve (Lake Co)
SpringCrk = Spring Creek Headwaters Forest Preserve (Cook Co)
StarvedRock = Starved Rock State Park (LaSalle County)
Stillwell = Stillwell BBS (Hancock Co)
SwallowCliff = Swallow Cliff Woods Forest Preserve (Palos, Cook Co)
TOT = Trail of Tears SF (Union Co)
TwoRivers = Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge (Calhoun Co)
UCCA = Union County Conservation Area (Union Co)
UMRNWR = Upper Mississippi River NWR (Carroll Co)
Urbana = Urbana (Champaign Co)
WaterfallGlen = Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve (DuPage Co)
Waynesville = Waynesville BBS (McLean Co)
Winthrop = Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co)
179th/Cen = 179th & Central Rds Forest Preserve, Country Club Hills (Cook Co)

A number in parentheses () indicates the number of birds observed at a particular location or on a particular date. No number signifies single birds. Place names given in *italic type* are counties. The sequence of records within species accounts, except for maximum counts, begin in northwest Illinois (Jo Daviess, Carroll and Whiteside counties), proceed to the east, then continue back and forth across the state in a systematic pattern with the southernmost records at the end.

Transparent directionals (n.=north(ern), ne. = northeast(ern), etc.), and including ☉= central, are used where applicable. Words referring to natural features are generally not abbreviated in names of residential communities (thus Forest Park, Fall Creek, Garden Prairie, etc.).

Headings for species requiring IORC (Illinois Ornithological Records Committee) review in parts of Illinois or in some plumages are underlined, while those for species requiring review

of all records are CAPITALIZED AND UNDERLINED. Records pending IORC review are enclosed in square brackets []. The IORC review list can be viewed at the IOS/IORC website, <http://www.illinoisbirds.org/iorc.html>. Noteworthy dates and sites of occurrence and remarkably high counts for the state as a whole or for particular regions of the state are underlined and boldfaced, and some further editorial remarks are boldfaced.

Remarks on the historical significance of records aim to be valid for the corpus of data published in H. David Bohlen's 1989 *Birds of Illinois* and the seasonal summeries in the *Illinois Journals Illinois Birds and Birding* (summer 1984 - spring 1991) and *Meadowlark* (summer 1991 - present). Data from other sources may have bearing on the validity of these remarks.

The 2003 DeLorme *Illinois Atlas & Gazetteer* has been used as a standard for spelling of place names for sites included therein.